

## MARRIED FOR \$5 WHILE YOU WAIT

New York's Latest Domestic Relation Law Causes Establishment of Many Bureaus.

### CLERGYMEN SUPERFLUOUS.

Magistrates Also Are Unnecessary—All the Candidates Have to Do Is Sign Their Names in Presence of Witnesses.

Bureau for Legal Marriages, 210 Seventh avenue, corner One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street. Telephone 3271—Morningside; evenings by appointment.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 8.—Since the domestic relation law, legalizing the so-called non-law marriages, was recently passed by the Legislature, enabling anybody to be married without the necessity of having to go through any ceremony in the presence of witnesses further than to declare their intention of becoming husband and wife, dozens of advertisements, similar to the foregoing can be seen every day.

There are about fifty of the bureaus scattered in different portions of the city where couples are married by the whole sale for the comparatively small fee of \$5, and they are doing a rushing business. It is predicted by some that when once the general public grasps the plan whereby they can have the nuptial knot tied legally for so reasonable a sum, without any objection being raised as to religion, disparity in years, or the unwillingness of hard-hearted parents to allow their daughters to be taken away from them, the clergymen and Aldermen will be hard pressed to get enough of that portion of their perquisites known as the marriage tax to make it worth their while.

**JUST SIGN NAMES.**

All that a happy pair seeking to be tied by the bonds of matrimony have to do is to sign their names and a lawyer does the rest. The domestic relation law makes a marriage legal and binding upon the parties concerned when a certificate blank, forms of which can be obtained from the County Clerk's office, is signed by them, two witnesses and a notary public.

The certificate is then placed on file in the County Clerk's office and a duplicate is given to the couple who have been married. The husband and wife are then as responsible for their marriage vows as if they had been through a long and elaborate church ceremony.

Harlem, perhaps, is the place where most of the marriage bureaus are situated. There are twelve within a few blocks there, nearly all of them being in real estate offices where there is a notary. The notary always has legal certificates on file back on should there be any question raised as to the legality of the marriage and the proceedings are all fair and above board.

A reporter visited the place referred to in the foregoing advertisement to-day and interviewed the manager, whose name is Charles Fort. He is a man of about 40, a private office and told to sit down.

**SAVES TIME.**

"It is the easiest thing in the world to get married," Mr. Fort began, "although many couples who are in a great deal of preparation and hesitation, in the old method it is customary for the bride to get up an elaborate trousseau; the bridegroom, after spending a lot of money on an engagement ring, has to buy a wedding ring, and much time is taken up in sending out invitations."

"None of these things are necessary when a couple is married under the domestic relation law. We don't care whether they have a wedding ring or what their condition in life may be, instead of having to spend most of the money they have saved for housekeeping in a needless expenditure for the wedding ceremony, all they have to do is to make an appointment to come here and bring two witnesses and pay \$5, after which they are married in a few moments."

There are many men, also, who hesitate to give a clergyman less than \$10 or \$15 at the least, and several of them much larger fees. Differences in religion, as for instance, a marriage between a Catholic and a Protestant, make it very hard for some couples to be married by anybody connected with the church must take a part.

"Here religion doesn't count for anything. Very few questions are asked, and the ceremony which they have to go through, while simple, is just as binding upon the contracting parties as any other."

**WOMEN ARE TIMID.**

"The public, I have found, however, are a little afraid of the new system, especially the women. They want to be sure they are doing it right and that there will not be a chance of any hitch taking place after all has been said and done. I can go away safely with the clergyman, the ring and the marriage ceremony, and the Bible. Most persons believe that the marriage ceremony is a spiritual contract and one wherein the church must take a part."

As a matter of this general belief, however, he does a large business here, and the people come very slowly, but the public appearing to be catching on, the idea now and more are coming every day.

### TANGLE IN RELATIONSHIP.

Genealogical Puzzle Caused by a Marriage in Indiana.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Shelbyville, Ind., Oct. 8.—The marriage of Ernest Tucker, aged 18, and Mrs. Mary Tucker, aged 25, resulted in a queer tangle in relationship.

Mrs. Kate Johnson, a handsome widow from Johnson County, married James Tucker, a wealthy widower of Hendricks Township, about ten years ago. She brought to his home a beautiful daughter, 15 years old.

The girl was May Johnson, and since that day she has been Mr. Tucker's stepdaughter. His daughter-in-law and his granddaughter-in-law. The last mentioned relationship was brought about by the wedding at Indianapolis. Ernest Tucker being a grandson of James Tucker. In other words, she married her nephew.

She has been her mother's stepdaughter-in-law, and is now her own mother's step-granddaughter.

The present husband is a stepfather of children and also their own blood. He is also the son-in-law of his mother-in-law, and is the son-in-law of his own grandfather. Moreover, he is his own uncle from the fact that he is his aunt's husband.

### UNDER CAR, ESCAPES DEATH.

Crowd Appalled as Woman Shopper Falls Beneath Guard Rail.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 8.—Broadway was the scene of an escape from death which was truly appalling. A woman fell beneath the guard rail of an open car, landed between the north and south bound tracks, and two cars passed her simultaneously, yet she escaped without even a bruise.

Joseph Hamilton of Waterford, Conn., is the woman. She and two friends got on a car at Eighteenth street and Broadway. The car started with a jerk, and Mrs. Hamilton was thrown beneath the rail and fell to the street. She landed on her back, and as she hit the pavement, the car moved on.

Policeman Hughes assisted Mrs. Hamilton and she said she did not need medical attention, nor would she make a complaint. She was hurt.

## World's Fair Towels.

A practical souvenir and at a decidedly low price! These are all-linen hemstitched huck towels, with the official World's Fair flag woven near one end in absolutely fast colors and with white fleur-de-lis borders.

A heavy, firm towel, made to sell at 50c each. Monday we'll put 200 dozen of them on sale at only **25c**

## Dress Goods and Silks.

A fascinating assemblage of new Autumn and Winter fabrics in almost endless variety!

**Dress Goods.**

English Cashmeres—36 inches—full range of street and evening shades. Price.....25c

Batiste Voile and Albatross Cloth, 36 inches wide, in cream, pink, Nile, ciel, lavender, browns, blues, greens, etc.; 50 colors. Choice at.....39c

Crepe Albatross and Chiffon Batiste—40 inches—all wool—50 colorings, in street and evening shades. Price.....50c

Mannish Suitings—all wool—the popular tweed colorings, in grays, browns, tans, Oxfords, blues, etc. Choice, per yard.....48c

Cheviots—sponged and shrunk—plain colors and mixtures. Price.....75c

45-inch Silk Warp Crepe de Paris, Eolienne and Chiffon Voiles, in cream, Nile, grays, blues and browns. Price.....\$1.00

Imported Suitings—54-inch Mannish Suitings, in gray, brown or blue mixtures—also 54-inch Imported Broadcloths—will not become rough—all the new colors. Your choice at.....\$1.25

**Beautiful Silks.**

Suiting Silks—Pretty Shirt-Waist Suiting Silks, in checks, stripes, jacquard effects and shadow designs, in browns, blues, greens, grays, etc. Price.....50c

Shirt-Waist Suiting Silks in the newest effects—small, neat designs, on the new blues, browns, grays, greens, etc. Splendid values at.....75c

Taffetas and Peau de Cygne for Shirt-Waist Suits—plain shades of browns, blues, grays, greens, tans, etc.—also the new changeable tones in street colors. Our price.....75c

Chiffon Faille and Chiffon Taffetas in plain colors and chameleon effects—the new silks for shirt-waist suits, new browns, greens, blues, coppers, mahogany, etc. Price.....\$1.00

Black Silk—Rich, heavy, 36-inch black peau de sole for long coats and suits. Nugent's price, \$1.00.

Velvets—The new Chiffon Velvets and Beardskin—22 inches and 22 inches wide—street shades. Prices range from.....\$1.50 to \$4.50 a yard

**New Bags.**

Ladies' Walrus and Monkey Grain Leather Bags, with leather-braided handles and nicely fitted—colors, black, tan or brown—worth up to \$1.75. A special Monday bargain at.....\$1.19

**Pillow Cases.**

200 dozen 45x36-inch New York Mills hemstitched bleached Pillow Cases—the kind usually sold at 25c. Monday, in Nugent's basement, 15c each

**Embroid'ed Flannels.**

75 pieces of yard-wide cream-colored wool flannel, prettily embroidered with the best of silk and worth 65c. Monday in basement, at.....48c yard

### Black Mercerized Saten Petticoats—deep-flare flounce with 3 small ruffles—worth \$1.25. This week at.....85c

### Black Mercerized Saten Petticoats with a high ruffle—fine pleating and strapping—worth \$1.75. This week at.....\$1.25

### Beautiful Petticoats of heavy, rustling taffetas, in all colors and black, with circular flare flounce—worth \$6.00. This week at.....\$4.75

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RELIABLE CASH DRY GOODS STORE.

## ONE PRICE TO ALL.

GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

## Our Millinery Department.

NOW famed all over St. Louis for its distinctive, dashing styles and the surpassing beauty of its creations. Our second floor is fairly brimming over with the newest ideas known to millinery art!

Pattern Hats—One hundred and twenty-five beauties, just unpacked and waiting for your coming to-morrow!

Novelties—The charming new Feather Hats, with fringes and inserted lace—mounted on spring rollers with fixtures complete—worth 75c—at.....34c each

Plumes—Superb ostrich plumes, aigrettes and paradise plumes.

Shirt-Waist Hats—A big assortment—all ready to wear.

Trimmed Hats—Hundreds of handsome styles from our own workrooms, at inexpensive prices—\$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$7.50.

Tourist Caps—The hit of the season! Hundreds sold every day! Both dressy and comfortable.....50c each and up

This is the New Watteau Shepherdess Hat.

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## Trefousse Glove Event.

Once each season these best of all gloves are offered at Paris prices! To-morrow is the day!

Women's genuine Trefousse et Cie Kid Gloves in both glace and suede finish, with 3 clasps and newest style embroidered backs. All the correct Autumn shades for 1904—also white and black.

We guarantee these to be the regular \$2.00 qualities—Monday at **\$1.25**

## Upholstery Department.

Another week of exceptional chances to save money on Draperies, Curtains, Rugs, etc. Third floor.

Curtain Swiss—36-inch—white and colors—worth 12½c—at.....8½c yard

Cretonnes—36-inch—fancy figured—worth 20c—at.....12½c yard

Taffeta Drapery Cloth—worth 40c—at.....22c yard

Window Shades of opaque cloth, with fringe and inserted lace—mounted on spring rollers with fixtures complete—worth 75c—at.....34c each

Figured Velour Cushion and Furniture Covering—worth 65c—at.....42c yard

Brocade Furniture and Curtain Rep—50 inches wide and worth 75c—at.....35c yard

Silk Tapestry—50-inch—embossed design—worth \$1.75—\$1.00 yard

Ruffled Swiss Curtain—open-lace stripe effects—worth \$1.25—at.....72c pair

Nottingham Lace Curtains—60 inches wide and 3½ yards long—worth \$2.00—\$1.20 pair

Bed Sets—Real Renaissance Lace—full size—lace medallion center and deep flounce, trimmed with lace—cover for roll to match—worth \$5.50—\$3.35 set

Bonne Femme Curtains—Real Renaissance, mounted on cable net—worth \$2.75—\$1.05 each

Tapestry Portieres with figured borders—worth \$3.50—\$3.50 pair

Mercerized Portieres—wide applique borders—worth \$8.50—\$5.00 pair

Rope Portieres—heavy twisted cords—festoon drapery at top—worth \$2.25—\$1.33 each

Couch Covers of Italian raw silk—worth \$1.85—\$1.00 each

Smyrna Rugs—reversible—all wool—worth 75c—\$1.49c each

Aminster Rugs—best quality—worth \$1.25—\$1.80c each

Ingrain Rugs—all wool—9x9 feet—woven in one piece—worth \$7.50—\$5.95 each

Tapestry Brussels Rugs—9x10½ feet—no miter or corner seams—worth \$12.75—\$10.00 each

Kashmir Rugs—9x12 feet—reversible—all fast colors—worth \$13.75—\$10.25 each

Wilton Rugs—best quality—extra heavy—no miter or corner seams—worth \$42.50—\$28.75

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